

NOSTALGIA

Parking meters introduced and there's trouble for haulage firms

MIKE PETTY AND JAMES MILNER LOOK THROUGH THE **CAMBRIDGE NEWS** ARCHIVES AT SOME OF THE STORIES FROM THIS DAY IN THE PAST

Clive Sinclair becomes pioneer of mini television - 1982

UNCLE Clive Sinclair is close to becoming part of the legend of the microchip.

He brought to the world innovative calculators, digital watches and pocket-sized televisions.

Then, in 1976, he formed Sinclair Research to conceive new projects in the consumer electronics field, including an electric car.

He started with a little computer, then produced a ZX81 version priced at just under £70.

Now he has moved into the flat-screen television tube and mini television set.

BBC offers Acorn exclusive deal - 1982

ACORN computers has hardly had time to catch its breath since it won an agreement with the BBC to supply microcomputers suitable for use alongside a television series.

But the broadcasts to schools

began with only 200 of the 500 schools which wanted to take part having received their computers, and programmes for the general public were postponed.

Now, 6,000 have been despatched with an order for 15,000 from

Western Australia.

City's parking meters 'hungry and ready to bite' - 1964

THE Mayor of Cambridge fed a

parking meter on Peas Hill with a shilling "to make them hungry and ready to bite" as one official put it, and set the new parking scheme in motion.

Long queues of traffic soon formed in streets leading to the Lion Yard car park and motorists had some acid remarks about the meters.

A moped rider complained about finding a ticket stuck to his bike with thirteen inches of sticky tape.

From the number of excess charges shown on the meters, the city coffers will soon begin to bulge.



Parking meters on St Andrew's Street



Clive Sinclair holding the first pocket-sized television

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